Slick tips for holiday meals

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Good News For Homemakers

HOME ECONOMICS

Because of requests, this article is being printed again for your information.

Would you like to have some new slick tricks to make your holiday food preparation easier, more interesting and different? This week I wish to share with you some ideas that might be of interest to you. You may wish to clip and save this article so that you can use these ideas maybe from year to year. They are:

--Wreath pancakes are a treat for Christmas breakfasts. Pour batter onto the griddle in a giant doughnut shape. Serve with red cherry syrup and what a nice Christmas treat.

--To make oyster stew that holiday guests will enjoy, put oysters into a blender for a few seconds before cooking. You will have a flavorful stew minus the whole oyster that some people dislike.

--Crispy holiday nibbles can be easily made by melting 1/4 cup butter in a heavy skillet or electric skillet. Stir in one tablespoon dry salad dressing mix and 1 teaspoon salt. Remove from heat and stir in 4 cups of ready to eat bite size cereals. Be sure to pick a nutritious cereal that your children enjoy.

--Dabs of leftover dips need not be wasted. Save and use these to top potatoes or to stuff celery sticks.

--A festive breakfast special can be formed from refrigerated cinnamon rolls. Shape these in the form of a triangle with one biscuit at the bottom for a trunk. You have a delightful Christmas tree that can be a good Christmas breakfast anytime. Bake this and drizzle with confectioners sugar. Sprinkle with chopped candied cherries.

--To make smooth and glossy whipped cream, add 3 tablespoons unsifted confectioners sugar to one cup cream before whipping. Cream will hold its shape and gloss for an hour or two. This is important for a decorated cake or pie.

--A quick family or company dessert can be made by filling a chocolate cookie crumb pie shell with peppermint ice cream. Drizzle with a thick chocolate syrup. This will be attractive and so delicious.

--Another freezer speciality that will be ready to serve whenever guests drop in can be a mincemeat ice cream pie. Blend 1 cup mincemeat into 1/2 gallon softened vanilla ice cream. Freeze. When ready to serve, top with warm carmel sauce.

--Cut cookie dough sometimes loses it's shape when transferring it from the cutting board to the baking sheet. I'd like to share a remedy with you for this problem. Roll the dough on lightly greased and floured baking sheet or buttered foil. Cut around the design. Remove the leftover dough from between the cookies before baking.

--When cookies stick to the baking sheet, just put them back into the oven a second or two. Cookies will remove easily without breaking.

--Many recipes call for chilled cookie dough. To do so quickly, divide the dough into small portions. Place these in the freezing compartment of your refrigerator where they will chill speedily and soon be ready to use.

--A time saver when you store frozen cookie dough: Be sure to label your package with baking time and temperature. Then there's no last minute look at the cookbook or scratching to find that recipe.

--A time saver cookie filling can be prepared pie filling. A variety of flavors provide a change from the usual raisin, prune or date fillings. Try some of your favorite fillings such as cherry, apple, blueberry, etc.

--For crispier cut-out cookies, roll the cookie dough on a lightly dusted board and rolling pin with a mixture of 1/2 flour and 1/2 confectioners sugar. You'll be surprised what a difference it will make.

--Don't forget a Christmas feast for the birds. Mold cakes of seed and melted suet in small containers. While the mixture is soft insert a pipe cleaner to use as a hanger. You also may dip pine cones in melted suet and roll in bird seeds. These are great to hang in the tree and birds love them.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call 352-8244 or write the Appomattox County Extension Office at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522. It is always a pleasure to hear from you and to help you.

Have a good week and best wishes as you prepare for the holiday season.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Stollen

6 pkgs. dry yeast or 5 fresh yeast cakes
8 cups flour
1 1/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup butter
3 Tablespoons shortening
1 1/2 cup warm milk
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
1/4 cup rum
salt
rind 2 lemons
4 oz. mixed fruit
2 oz. candied cherries
4 oz. almonds
1/2 lb. light raisins
1/2 lb. dark raisins

Have all ingredients room temperature including mixing bowl. Dissolve yeast with warm water and a little sugar. Make a well in center of flour and sugar and add yeast mixing in a little of the flour. Let rise 10 minutes. Knead all ingredients (including fruits) together slowly until you have a smooth, elastic dough. Cover and let rise 2 to 3 hours in warm place. Form into 2 large or 3 small loaves on a cookie sheet. Let stand 1 to 2 hours or until double in bulk. Bake 325 degrees for 1 hour. Brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when cool.

This delicious, German bread takes time and effort to prepare. The finished products are well worth the efforts. Many thanks to Mrs. Louise Kruschwitz for sharing this family recipe with us.

In German families, a Stollen loaf is baked for each member of the family; the size of the loaf being determined by the age and size of the family member.

I have eaten this bread prepared by Louise and it was delicious and is packed with nutritious fruits.

WILBUN'S SUPERMARKET GOT A NEW SIGN last week and remodeling is nearing completion. "I really don't have a projected date for completion but we don't have that much more to do," said Gerald Wilbun, store owner. "We appreciate the cooperation and patience our customers have shown during this time of remodeling," he added. (Photo by Allen Austin).

Coleman attends conference

Dan G. Coleman, representing Coleman and Sons, Inc., of Appomattox, has just returned from a Southern States Cooperative December Dealer Conference held at the Hotel Roanoke on Dec. 4.

The session was held for training and informing Southern States retail personnel about products and service programs so they could give maximum service to local farmers next spring.

Among the programs featured at the conference were ones on feed merchandising, seed, fertilizer, farm supplies, water systems, batteries and automotive accessories.

The sessions were conducted by the cooperative's commodity specialists, supplier representatives and cooperative extension personnel. The conference was held in conjunction with the Southern States Showcase '85 Product Show, where dealers were able to view new products and place orders for supplies for the coming months.

Local cows awarded

Knoll Crest Farm of Red House is the owner of three Polled Hereford cows which have been awarded Benchmark Dam status by the American Polled Hereford Association.

The association, headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., recognized 684 elite cows for this award, which goes to the breed's most efficient and consistent producers. This number reflects a 32 percent increase over the number qualifying as Benchmark Dams in 1983.

Dr. Jim Gibb, APHA director of education and research said, "Those cows which are Benchmark Dams represent the reference point of productivity by which all other cows can be compared. They have proven themselves to be efficient producers."

To qualify for the award, each cow must have had at least three calves, with weaning weights for all her calves recorded in the APHA's Guide Lines Program. Her calves' weaning ratios must also rank her in the top 25 percent of her owner's herd, she must have had her first calf prior to turning 25 months old, and have had an average calving interval no longer than 365 days.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, Dec. 13
The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. in the library of the Appomattox County High School.

Distribution of surplus butter, cheese and milk from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Appomattox Depot. Please bring a bag or box with you. For eligibility information call 352-7125.

Saturday, Dec. 15
The Oakville Extension Homemakers will have a covered dish supper at the old Oakville school at 6:30. Members and their families are invited.

Sunday, Dec. 16
The Sunshine Class of Trinity United Methodist Church of Concord will present a live, outdoor drama, "The First Christmas" on Sunday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Childrens Choir, grades three through six, of New Hope Baptist Church will present a Christmas program, "Stranger In The Straw" at 6:30 p.m. Directing the program are Mrs. Janice Garrett, Mrs. Marjorie Reider and Mrs. Betty Craft.

Tuesday, Dec. 18
The Appomattox Elementary School PTA will meet at 7:30 p.m. Following the business meeting, Ms. Sue Wright will direct the Christmas play, "Season's Greetings."

Thursday, Dec. 20
The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet at the Country Fare Restaurant at 11:30. Members are asked to bring mementos or pictures pertaining to the past history of the chapter.

Friday, Dec. 28
The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Memorial United Methodist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The quota is 110 units of blood.

ACTS goes on air

The American Christian Television System, Channel UHF 33, began operation Dec. 1 and is shown 24 hours daily.

The program, with no solicitation, is Christian Television, including family entertainment and programming, dealing with various issues.

"It is outstanding programming for families," commented the Rev. Melvin Winters, Director of Missions and Ministry, Appomattox Baptist Association." It answers questions about family living in special programs," he added.

In the very near future one and one-half hours of the programs will consist of local activities.

Deaths

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Madisonville, and Mrs. Margaret M. Hronek, Woodland Hills, Calif.; one brother, Robert Morris, Pamplin; and two grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Thursday in Centenary United Methodist Church cemetery in Madisonville.

Browning Funeral Home in Keysville was in charge of arrangements.

Rocks news notes

By CASSIE BALDWIN

Rocks - Dec. 3: Nice crowd at Rocks on Sunday.

A special emphasis program for the Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission and Lottie Moon offering was held on Wednesday night. The church goal is $1,760.00. Liberty Baptist Church will furnish the music. Refreshments will be served.

The pastors and their wives Christmas party was held at Elon Baptist Church on Monday night Dec. 3, all churches in the association were represented with the exception of one.

Dan Agee, state Evangelism Director, will be at Evergreen Baptist Church on Dec. 11 to discuss state Evangelism.

It was good to hear that the Rev. Edmond Terry preached at Evergreen on Dec. 2. May the Lord bless him in a great way.

Mrs. Childress returned home from the hospital on Friday. May she have a quick recovery.

Get well wishes go out to Robert McClenny who is not so well. May he have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hipps returned from Tennessee Sunday night after visiting his father who celebrated his 90 birthday on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Mrs. Mary Ferguson was moved to St. Johns Nursing Home in Fairview Heights last week. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Herbert Morris died in a Lynchburg Hospital this week. Sympathy goes out to his wife and brother Robert Morris of Pamplin. Graveside service was held at Madisonville Church on Thursday at 2 p.m.

Wallace Price is at home from the hospital.

Mrs. Margaret Tolley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Harry St. John last week to see their sister, Odelle in Richmond on Friday.

A large number attended the Christmas Parade in Farmville last Sunday.

The Aging Commission Program at the Pamplin site was held on Wednesday with 24 present. Two new participants came out.

Sympathy goes out to the Walter Hamlett family in the death of their loved one. He was a cousin of Mrs. Allie Wayne and Mrs. Emma Nash of Pamplin. He will be buried on Friday at 1 p.m. at Rough Creek.

Mrs. Lockie Martin went to the doctor on Monday, Dec. 3. A speedy recovery is wished her.

A business meeting will be held on Wednesday night Dec. 12. The church budget will be presented.

On Dec. 16 at the morning worship service, Communion and Baptism will be observed at Rocks Baptist Church.

Christmas is just around the corner. Coldest morning of the season on Dec. 7, 17 degrees.

Get well wishes go out to Flora Dickerson who wasn't feeling well last Sunday. May she soon be out again.

A number came out on Wednesday night, although it was raining, sleeting and freezing.

A Christmas cantata "A Song Was Born," will be presented on Dec. 23. A Christmas party will follow in the fellowship hall of the church.

Waddell attends AVA convention

B.K. Waddell, vocational agriculture instructor at Appomattox County High School joined approximately 500 agricultural educators attending the American Vocational Association (AVA) National Convention in New Orleans Nov. 30 - Dec. 4.

An estimated 6,500 vocational educators attended the 600 plus sessions keyed to the theme, "Excellence for a New Age."

The 36th National Vocational Agricultural Teachers' Association (NVATA) Conference ran concurrently with the AVA Convention. The NVATA, an affiliate of the AVA Ag Education Division, conducted a series of programs designed to meet the specialized needs of the secondary, postsecondary and adult instructors. Several members of Congress were present to provide insights on the direction of federal policy for Vocational Education. The total program included general sessions, department/sectional/regional/divisional/affiliate meetings, business sessions, special award and recognition programs, and sponsored meal functions.

Waddell, currently serving as the president of the Virginia Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, also served as a delegate for the Virginia Vocational Association during the convention.

The NVATA is a national professional organization for vocational educators in agriculture. More than 9,000 agriculture educators throughout the United States are members. Walter Schuh, Vocational Agriculture Instructor in the Burlington-Edison High School at Burlington, Washington is the National President.

Jordan news notes

The Young Adult Choir at Jordan Baptist Church will practice Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m. All members are asked to be present.

The Church Calendar for the 1985 program of work will be planned on Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Each organization is asked to have a representative at this planning session.

The Ladies' Club will meet Dec. 15 at 7:30 p.m.

On the third Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3 p.m. The Spiritual Knights will be sponsoring a special program.

Church Business Meeting will be held Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.

The Sunday School will sponsor their annual Christmas program Sunday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. Come out and get your holidays off to a good start.

Extension class planned

The University of Virginia has scheduled an extension class in Appomattox for the spring semester. The class number and title is EDCI 580: Diagnosis and Prescription for the Classroom Teacher. Three hours of graduate or undergraduate credits will be given for successful completion of the class.

The class will begin in January, date to be announced, at Appomattox County High School.

The Appomattox County School Board arranges with the University of Virginia School of Continuing Education for classes to be offered in the fall and spring semesters and for a June three weeks session to be conducted. These classes are planned for instructional personnel who are renewing teaching certificates, seeking additional endorsements or gaining more depth in their respective areas of assignment.

The classes are also open to persons who are not employed by the school system. The tuition cost is $165.00 for persons who do not hold a contract in Appomattox County.

Additional information may be secured by calling Mrs. Jean Hesson at the School Board Office. The telephone no. is 352-8251.

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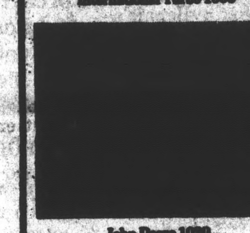

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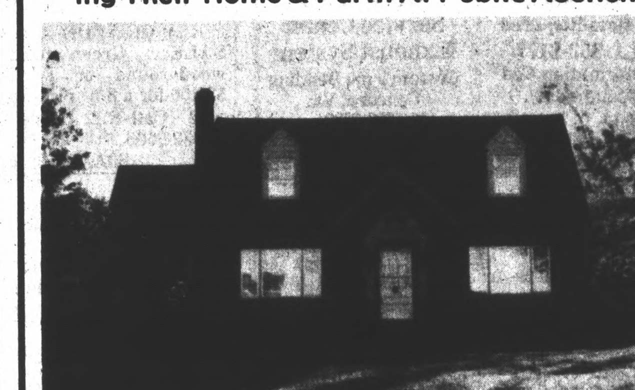

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